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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

DECEMBER 15-21, 1880.

The Thirty-Fifth Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in the Methodist Church at Shreveport, La., beginning on Wednesday, December 15, 1880; Bishop John C. Keener in the chair.

The daily sessions were held from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M., and were opened with religious exercises, conducted by the Bishop and various members of the Conference.

John T. Sawyer was elected Secretary, and James M. Beard, as his assistant.

The following members were present during the Session:

CLERICAL—Linus Parker, Jos. B. Walker, Lewis A. Reed, John T. Sawyer, T. K. Faunt LeRoy, B. F. Alexander, J. M. Brown, J. M. McKee, Thos. S. Randle, Philip Allen, T. H. McClendon, James A. Parker, John A. Miller, Thos. J. Upton, R. T. Parish, Robert Randle, Joel T. Daves, J. M. Johnston, John Pipes, Geo. M Liverman, Jno. B. Cassity, Thos. J. Hough, Christian Keener, W. R Whately, R. S. Trippett, R. S. Isbell, Geo. Jackson, F. G Hocutt, Patrick Galvin, J. D. Harper. M. C. Manly, John F. Wynn, Baxter Clegg, Jas J. Billingsley, J. F. Scurlock, James M. Beard,

Samuel S. Keener, J. H. Stone, J. E. Bradley, J. M. Brown, J. Lane Borden, J. W. Medlock, R. A. Davis, William Hart, C. R. Godfrey, John W. Hearn, W. E. Doty, Joel Saunders, Jesse Fulton.

LAY—L. R. Lay, W. H. Leslie, W. P. Kimball, J. H. Nabors, D. H. Hayes, J. J. Stockwell.

On the nomination of the Presiding Elders, Conference elected the following Standing Committees:

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Robert Randle, and Joel T. Daves.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

J. M. Brown, J. J. Billingsley and D. H. Hayes.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Joel T. Daves, Jas. A. Parker, Bexter Clegg, J. D. Harper, J. W. Medlock, T. H. McClendon and J. J. Stockwell.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

J. B. Walker, Jno. A Miller, J. M. McKee, A. E. Clay and J. L. Borden.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

R. S. Trippett and T K. Faunt LeRoy,

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

John Pipes, T. J. Upton and W. H. Leslie.

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS

M. C. Manly, and Baxter Clegg.

Jno. A. Miller was elected Missionary Treasurer Pro Tem. The regular Disciplinary questions were taken up and answered as follows:

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER. Thomas Hall Jones, Asbury Cooke Couey, Frank E. Butler, Samuel H. Whately, Reuben S Collier,

Q. 2. Who remain on trial?

A. Charles F. Stivers, Jeptha Landrum, Charles T. Munholland, Robert M. Blocker.

Q. 3. Who are discontinued?

A. None.

Q. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?

A. James M. Beard, Samuel S. Keener and John L. P. Sheppard.

Q. 5. Who are re-admitted?

A. John W. Harmon.

Q. 6. Who are received by transfer?

A. Felix R. Hill.

Q. 7. Who are deacons of one year?

A. John B. Cassity and Charles R. Bensons.

Q. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons?

A. James M. Beard and Samuel S. Keener.

Q. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons?

A. James M. Beard, Samuel S. Keener, Walter B. Patterson,* and Thos. Polk Smith *

Q. 10. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

A. Asbury C. Couey and Geo. B. Holzach.

Q. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons?

A. Asbury C. Couey and Geo. B. Holzach.

Q. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders?.

A. T. K. Faunt LeRoy and Thomas J. Hough?

Q. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders?

A. T. K. Faunt LeRoy and Thomas J. Hough.

Q. 14. What local preachers are elected elders?

A. Abel Hoffpanir.

Q. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders?

A. None.

Q. 16. Who are located this year?

A. Philip Allen.

Q. 17. Who are supernumary this year?

A. G. Miller, Fred White.

Q. 18. Who are superanuated this year?

A. H. C. Thweath, John S. Davis, W. E. Doty, E. W. Yancey, Philo. M. Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, Ph. H. Diffenweirth, J C. Reid, and Jesse Fulton.

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*East Texas Conference.

Q 19. What preachers have died during the past year?

A. John V. Pointer.

Q. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their lives and official administration?

A. Their names were called one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

Q. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several stations, circuits and missions of the conference?

A. Local Preachers	81
Members, white	14,801
Members, colored	23
Total	14,905
Last year	14,519
Increase	386

For details see Table of Statistics.

Q. 22. What is the number of infants baptized this year?

A. This year	711
Last year	833
Decrease	122

For details see Table of Statistics.

Q. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year?

A. This year	471
Last year	873
Decrease	402

For details see Table of Statistics.

Q. 24. What is the number of Sunday Schools?

A. This year	148
Last year	131
Increase	17

For details see Table of Statistics.

Q. 25. What is the number of Sunday School Teachers?

A. This year.....864
Last year.....833

Increase..... 31

For details see Table of Statistics.

Q. 26. What is the number of Sunday School Scholars?

A. This year.....6,197
Last year.....5,962

Increase..... 235

For details see Tables of Statistics.

Q. 27. What amount is necessary for the superanuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

A. $4530.

Q. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?

A. $2265, and paid pro rata to claimants.

Q. 29. What has been contributed for Missions?

A. For Foreign Missions.....$2,560 60
Last year 2,246 27

Increase..... $314 33
For Domestic Missions.....$1,134 80
Last year 1,193 67

Decrease..... $60 87
Women's Missionary Society $1,102 00

Q. 30. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

A. New Orleans, La.

Q. 31. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer:

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT..... JOSEPH B. WALKER, P. E.
Carondelet Street .....Felix R. Hill.
Felicity Street .....Chas. W. Carter.
St. Charles Avenue.....John Mathews.
Moreau Street .....Jas. M. Beard.
Louisiana Avenue.....Christian Keener.
Algiers .....Lewis A. Reed.
Lafourche Mission .....Thos. H. Jones.
Baton Rouge.....Joel T. Daves
Plaquemine and Gros Tete .....Frank E. Butler.
Editor New Orleans Christian Advocate..Linus Parker.
Southwestern Bible Society .....James A. Ivy.

DELHI DISTRICT ..... B. F. ALEXANDER, P. E.
Trenton and Monroe ..... B. F. White.
Delhi and Madison ..... John W. Harmon.
Colony and Faulk's Chapel ..... C. W. Hodge.
Bastrop ..... J. M. McKee.
Lind Grove ..... A. A. Cornet.
Oak Ridge ..... T. S. Randle.
Rayville ..... J. S. Cornell.
Winnsboro ..... A. C. Couey.
Weterproof, Vidalia and St. Joseph ..... R. S. Trippett.
Tensas Circuit ..... J. Landrum.
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove ..... H. O. White.
Floyd ..... R. S Isbell.

HOMER DISTRICT ..... JAS. A. PARKER, P. E.
Homer ..... J. H. Stone.
Tulip ..... Thos. J. Upton.
Haynesville ..... J. E. Bradley.
Minden ..... Jno. A. Miller.
Sparta ..... R. S. Collier.
Arcadia ..... R. Parvin.
Vernon ..... J. W. Medlock.
Indian Village ..... R. T. Parish.
Rochester and Saline Mission ..... R. M Crowson.
Downsville ..... J. M. Brown.
Farmerville ..... J. F. Patterson.
Webster ..... C. T. Munholland.

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT ..... T. H. MCCLENDON, P. E.
Shreveport ..... John T. Sawyer.
Morringsport ..... Enos. B. Foust.
Caddo ..... G. M. Liverman.
Logansport Mission ..... John Pipes.
Mansfield ..... J. J. Billingsly.
Pleasant Hill ..... William Hart.
Natchitoches ..... Robert Randle.
Natchitoches Circuit ..... R. M. Blocker.
Anacoca ..... To be supplied.
Springville ..... J. W. Hearn.
Coushatta ..... J. B. Cassidy.
South Bossier ..... W. D. Stayton.
North Bossier ..... R. A. Davis.
Manny Circuit ..... To be supplied.
President of Mansfield Female College ..... J. L. Borden.

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT ..... FELIX G. HOCUTT, P. E.
Alexandria and Pineville ..... J. D. Harper.
Rapides Circuit ..... S. H. Whatley.
Winfield Circuit ..... A. T. Galloway.
Harrisonburg and Trinity ..... Patrick Galvin.
Siciley Island and Oakley ..... W. R. Whatley.
Genan Circuit ..... To be supplied by E. B. Galloway
Columbia ..... J. L. Wright.
Castor ..... C. R. Benson.
Bayou Bœuff and Evergreen ..... J. L. P. Sheppard.
Spring Creek ..... Geo. Jackson, F. White, Super'y
Simsport ..... C. R. Godfrey.
Little River ..... C. F. Stivers.
Avoyelles French Mission ..... To be supplied.
Cotile ..... To be supplied by G. B. Holzach.

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT	J. M. JOHNSTON, P. E.
Opelousas	T. J. Hough.
Washington	M. C. Manly.
Vermillionville	Baxter Clegg.
Plaquemine Brulee and Kimball's Chapel	John F. Wynn.
Abbeville	J. F. Scurlock.
New Iberia	A. E. Clay.
Attakapas French Mission	W. J. Picot.
Franklin	S. K. Faunt LeRoy.
Pattersonville and Morgan City	Samuel Keener.
Lake Charles	S. H. Cooper.
Sugar Town	To be supplied by Abel Hoffpanir.
Calcesieu Mission	To be supplied by J. Henning.
Grand Cheniere	To be supplied.

SUPERANNUATED.—H. C. Thweath, John S. Davis, W. E. Doty, E. W. Yancey, Philo M. Goodwyn, Joel Saunders, Ph. H. Diffenweirth, J. C. Reid and Jesse Fulton.

TRANSFERRED.—John Hannon to Virginia Conference.

LOCATED—Phillip Allen.

THE CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1881, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS, -	J. M. BROWN.
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, - - -	JOEL T. DAVES.
COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS,	J B. WALKER.
COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE, - -	R. S. TRIPPETT.
COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE, - - -	JOHN PIPES.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

QUESTION 27. What amount was assessed for superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers?

ANSWER. $4530, apportioned as follows:

To the New Orleans District	$1,480 00	
To the Delhi District	760 00	
To the Opelousas District	520 00	
To the Homer District	700 00	
To the Shreveport District	720 00	
To the Alexandria District	350 00	$4,530 00

Q. 28. What has been collected during the past year, and how has it been applied?

Answer:

New Orleans District	$804 65	
New Orleans Depository	500 00	
Delhi District	330 45	
Homer District	278 10	
Shreveport District	382 10	
Alexandria District	159 70	
Opelousas District	207 60	
In suspense	5 75	$2,768 35

This amount was distributed to claimants as follows:

Rev. H. C. Thweat, taken by J. L. Borden	$190 00	
Mrs. J. D. Adams, taken by J. M. Johnston	175 00	
Rev. J. C. Reid and wife, taken by J. M. Brown	320 00	
Rev. J. Fulton, taken by self	125 00	
Mrs. F. Bell, taken by Dr. J. B. Walker	100 00	
Rev. P. H. Dieffenwierth and six children, taken by B. F. Alexander	260 00	
Mrs. J. Wilkinson and three children, taken by C. Keener	325 00	
Rev. E. W. Yancy, taken by F. G. Hocutt	200 00	
John S. Davis and wife, taken by F. G. Hocutt	200 00	
J. Saunders and wife, taken by self	200 00	
Orphans of C. J. Holberg, taken by C. Keener	50 00	
Mrs. R. R. Alexander, taken by B. F Alexander	200 00	
Mrs. P. H. Moss and child, taken by B. F. Alexander	123 15	
Mrs. Uriah Whatley, taken by S. U. Whatley	135 00	
Rev. George Jackson, taken by self	175 20	$2,768 35

APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1881.

New Orleans District	$1,480 00	
Delhi District	760 00	
Opelousas District	510 00	
Homer District	700 00	
Shreveport District	720 00	
Alexandria District	330 00	$4,500 00

BISHOP'S CLAIM.

Amount apportioned to Conference	$800 00
Amount paid by Conference	707 70
Deficit	$92 30

AMOUNTS APPORTIONED FOR 1880 BY DISTRICTS.

New Orleans District	$300 00	
Delhi District	100 00	
Opelousas District	100 00	
Shreveport District	125 00	
Alexandria District	50 00	
Homer District	125 00	$800 00

AMOUNT PAID BY DISTRICTS.

New Orleans District	$303 90	
Delhi District	86 00	
Homer District	80 45	
Shreveport District	115 65	
Alexandria District	52 60	
Opelousas District	69 10—	$707 70

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1881 FOR BISHOP'S CLAIMS.

To New Orleans District	$300 00	
To Delhi District	100 00	
To Opelousas District	100 00	
To Shreveport District	125 00	
To Alexandria District	50 00	
To Homer District	125 00—	$800 00

APPORTIONMENT BY DISTRICTS FOR THE EDUCATION OF MINISTERS.

New Orleans District	$600 00	
Delhi	200 00	
Opelousas	200 00	
Homer District	250 00	
Shreveport District	250 00	
Alexandria District	100 00—	$1,600 00

The Presiding Elders will see that these apportionments are properly distributed among the several charges in their districts.

BOARD OF FINANCE FOR THE YEAR 1881.

CLERICAL.	LAY.
JOHN MATHEWS,	W. H. FOSTER,
B. F. WHITE,	Dr. W. E. WALKER,
J. B. CASSITY,	S. B. McCUTCHEON,
N. S. CORNELL,	F. C. STANDIFER,
R. S. ISBELL,	R. J. BOWMAN,
J. D. HARPER.	A. C. CALHOUN.

MISSIONS.

QUESITON 29. What has been collected for Missions?

ANSWER. The Conference Missionary Aniversary was held on Saturday night, December 18th, 1880. The meeting was opened with religious services conducted by Rev. H. M. Booth; Rev. Joel T. Daves in the chair.

The speakers of the evening were Rev. M. C. Manley and Dr. D. C. Kelley.

Rev. Reynold S. Trippet, Secretary, and Rev. Christain Keener, Treasurer, presented their report as follows:

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, December, 1880.

DEAR BRETHREN: In requiring me to report on our home and foreign missions, indulge with me in a moment's grief at our sad bereavement in the loss of our beloved Bishop, the lamented David S. Doggett Our Conference, our church, our country, has felt the loss of a great and good man. A trail of supernal light lingers behind him, kindling upon the high places of the earth like golden sunbeams on the mountain peaks after the great orb of day has disappeared from our eyes. Being dead, he yet speaks. May his virtues and labors incite us to the diligence and success which he showed to the end of his long and useful life.

When our blessed Saviour left this world He commanded His disciples to go forth and preach the gospel to every creature They were to wait in Jerusalem for a little time, but for a particular purpose, "until they were endued with power from on high" Those ten days were spent in prayer, and when, the day of Pentecost was come, the Holy Spirit came down upon them to fit them for their work.

This is the ground of our call to the missionary enterprise. We must have the Holy Sprit. We do not need the miracles of the Pentecost, but we must have the Pentecost itself. The absence of the Spirit is death. The presence of the Spirit is life.

It is a happy truth that God has never withdrawn the banner of the Spirit from the Christian camp. Some churches have, indeed, deserted it, renouncing its shelter and rejecting its sway, while others have straggled from the line of march, and, seeking easier quarters, have shrunk from the heat of the onslaught for the deliverence of the world.

With others it is preserved furled up in a creed as a sacred relic, the boasted memorial of what Christianity was, not the triumphal standard of what it now is; nor is it as yet in its right place, an elevated flag streaming gallantly at the head of an advanced host, who will know no fatigue, or give any peace, till it be lodged in the torrents of the foe, and wave over a converted world. Oh! how vast is the territory to be covered before the desires of the church can be fulfilled

The army is yet only on the frontiers, and many a battle must be fought before the desired victory can be obtained The light is the only just gathering, which is to dissipate the darkness spread around the world, and change the whole to brightness and beauty.

We are apt to triumph; we are prone to forget the present state of things. We rejoice that there has been progression, and we delight to look forward with hope; but yet tears should mingle with our joy. The groans of the whole creation are before us. The roll of human condition is exhibited to our view, and is full of mourning, lamentation and woe; we despair not; no; a thousand times no: let this feeling never be known by Christians; but we do not feel enough; we do not carry out the real state of man to all its awful results.

Would to God this were fully attended to, and that not merely spasmodically, but in all the thoughts and movements of life. Thousands of your countrymen around you are starving for the bread of life, all over these lands and prairies, up and down these rivers and bayous, corruption rolls like a flood, and virtue seems almost destined to defeat and extinction, and there is no remedy except the peals of Sinai and the wailing and weeping of Calvary. These people cannot as yet, in these sparse settlements, support their own ministers They are scattered. Their farms are not yielding returns of profit. But it re

quires no prophet's ken to see that if these fields are assisted they will in a few years yield abundant fruit in return.

Our home missions are as extensive as our home territory. Within the bounds of our Conference we have four missions. The French mission, in Attakapas, was served by Rev. W. J. Picot. He reports seventy-two members, one local preacher, fifteen adults and six infants baptized, one parsonage, value $700, church building and repairs, $32, three Sunday schools, six teachers, sixty-nine scholars, $16 collected for Sunday schools, $400 paid to missions.

Lafourche mission was served by Rev. Thomas H. Jones; has sixty-three members, four churches, value $6,000; paid $150.

Logansport mission, served by Rev. John Pipes, has one hundred and thirty-one members, five churches, value $200. Paid $12 to presiding elder, $12 50 for domestic missions, $240 for church building and repairs.

Calcasieu mission, no report.

In our foreign field we have our missionaries in China, Mexico and Brazil, together with our Mexican Border mission, and the mission to the Indians in our own country. Ours is a very small department of the aggressive army of the Lord, but we are grateful that we have any part in the glorious scheme of recovering the Saviour's promised inheritance, grateful to know that it is demonstrated that there is power in the gospel of Jesus Christ to convert whole nations from idolatry to Christianity, to uproot the fiercest cannibalism, to bring the degraded savage, who delighted on feeding on human flesh, to repentance toward God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the duty of every individual "to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Nay, it is the duty of every individual to unite in the great work of spreading Scriptural holiness over all these lands.

Has the gospel been a blessing to you and yours? And would it not be an equal blessing to others who are destitute? The living preacher must go to them. Even in the days of miracles you never hear of a Bible being carried through the air to a distant land, and there expounding itself, nor of an individual taught without a human teacher, for the Scripture saith: "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. And how shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

As we gaze around us, we cannot but lament and sigh, and weep as we behold the dishonor offered to God, and the misery and vice which everywhere prevail. Shall the victory over sin and Satan ever be obtained? Shall the cause of Jesus Christ ever prevail? To all these inquiries the answer is conveyed. It is conveyed by the appearance of the dawning light chasing away the shadows, by the leveling of the mountains, and by the filling up of valleys.

It is a great mistake to suppose that the world is growing worse, or that the heroic days of God's servants are passed. The world was never so good as now, and the heroes of this age will compare favorably with those of the sixteenth century, and that of the Wesley's, Nelson's and Asbury's not excepted. Answer ye Lambuth's, Allen's, Morrison's, Dwight's, and your compeers from the Asiatic lands of wooden gods, ye aliens from civilization, home and friends. Answer ye Patterson's, from the land of Montezuma; answer ye hosts of missionaries from India, Madagascar, Hindustan, and from all heathendom; answer ye noble band of itinerant preachers in our own country, landless, homeless, penniless wanderers, whom neither heat, cold, wind and water, poverty, weight of years, parting tears, angel wives and doting children can hinder nor stop; answer all ye heroes? All ye lack is for some one to write your history when you are gone.

The age in which we live is an aggressive one. The world is moving at a more rapid rate than at any former period of its history. The march of the arts and sciences is increasingly gratifying to the lovers of learning, as it is beneficial to commerce and agricultural interests of nations and men.

While whole continents are spanned and checkered by railroads, the magnetic telegraph has annihilated distance, and brought the nations into such close proximity that they may and do interchange the civilities and courtesies of

life as though separated only by an ordinary street of a city. Have these wonderful developments no significance beyond the scope of a worldly philosopher.

The politics of this world are a discordant chaos, where all sorts of contrarieties are blended together, and it is the voice of God alone that can bring order out of confusion and harmony out of chaos. Is the Christian philosopher at a loss to interpret the signs of the times as they rise upon the political horizon? God is terribly shaking the nations of the earth. Thrones and dynasties are successively disappearing from the face of the earth. The crash of one throne reaches to the fall of another.

"*The nations melt, the tumult dies.*" We stand amazed as we gaze on the dark stream of time, and see drifting the wrecks of human ambition, blasted hopes and ruined fortunes. In our day we have seen kingdoms wax and wane, empires rise and fall, princes, kings, emperors, and the Pope himself, have been hurled from their thrones.

Can ye not discern the signs of the times? For many years the Christian world have been sunk in profound slumber in regard to their duty. But, thank God, they are waking up. He beheld the desolation of Zion, and has come to rebuild her ruined walls. He heard the groans of His people, as with harps on the willows they were weeping by the rivers of Babylon, and has come to bring them again to Zion, with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. Countless millions are shortly to awake from the sleep and darkness of a hundred ages to hail the day that will never go down.

I see the darkness rolling upon itself, and passing away from a thousand lands. I see a cloudless day following and laying itself over the earth. I see the nations coming up from the neighborhood of the brutes to the dignity of the sons of God, from the sty, in which they had long wallowed, to the purity of the Divine image. I see the meekness of the blessed gospel assuaging their ferocious passions, melting down a million contending units into one, silencing the clangour of arms, and swelling into life a thousand budding charities, which had died under the long winter. I hear the voice of the joy. It swells from the valleys and echoes from the hills. I already hear, on the Eastern breeze, the songs of new-born nations. I already catch from the Western gale, the praise of a thousand islands. I ascend the Alps, and see the darkness retiring from the papal world. I ascend the Andes, and see Mexico and South America, and all the islands of the Pacific, one altar. I ascend the mountains of Thibet, and hear from the plains of China and Japan, and from every jungle and pagoda of Hindustan, the praises of the living God. I see all Asia bowing before Him who, eighteen centuries ago, hung in the midst of them on Calvary. I traverse oceans, and hear from ever floating bethel the songs of the redeemed.

> "The dwellers in the vales, and on the rocks,
> Shout to each other, and the mountain tops,
> From distant mountains, catch the flying joy,
> Till nation after nation taught the strain,
> Earth rolls the rapturous hosanna round."

Come that blessed day. "For Zion's sake, hold not your peace; for Jerusalem's sake, rest not until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth, and until the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea." The time is to come when God shall give His Son the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for His possession." The time is to come when the Greenlander shall come from his eternal snows, and the Indian from the scorching suns, and the Kalmuck Tartar from his burning sand, when the Hindoo shall burn his shaster and the Mohammedan his korau, and the gospel of Jesus Christ shall fill every soul with joy and peace.

His temples shall be rebuilt, His altars shall be repaired, the fires rekindled, His worship restored, and men shall bring their offerings to Him "who is God over all, and blessed forevermore." "The trampling of His horses shall be heard as He goes forth to take possession of the earth, and then the song of praise shall burst forth in every direction; the glad sound shall at length be heard: "Allelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." And the sound of the seventh trumpet shall usher in this glorious fact: "The kingdoms of this

world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."

R. S. TRIPPETT, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

1880.	Collected this year	$982 20	
	Anniversay Collection	180 10	—$1,162 30
Credits on Domestic Missions—			
	New Orleans District—Lafourche Mission	$150 00	
	Delhi District—Delhi and Madison	125 00	
	Homer District—Rochester and Saline	160 00	
	Alexandria District and Castor	250 00	
	Shreveport District—Logan's Port	240 00	
	Printing Minutes	112 30	—$1,162 30

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

	Collected this year	$2,347 80	
	Anniversary Collection	151 25	
	Mrs. J. B. Walker for Mrs. Lambuth's School, in gold	20 00	—$2,519 05
Credits on Foreign Missions—			
	By Amount Remitted Parent Board	$1,556 15	
	By Amount Remitted Parent Board	185 75	
	By Amount Paid J. W. Manier, as per his vouchers	594 55	
	By Amount Paid J. W. Picot, French Missionary by J. C. Keener, out of appropriation	182 60	—$2,519 05

CHRISTIAN KEENER,
Treasurer of Louisiana Conference Mission Board.

AMOUNTS APPORTIONED TO THE DISTRICTS FOR 1881, FOR MISSIONS.

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To New Orleans District	$1,350 00	
To Delhi District	600 00	
To Homer District	650 00	
To Shreveport District	650 00	
To Alexandria District	300 00	
To Opelousas District	450 00	—$4,000 00

FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

To New Orleans District	$350 00	
To Delhi District	150 00	
To Homer District	200 00	
To Shreveport District	200 00	
To Alexandria District	125 00	
To Opelousas District	150 00	—$1,175 00

AMOUNTS PAID BY DISTRICTS FOR MISSIONS.

	Foreign.	*Domestic.*
New Orleans District	$792 10	$306 55
Delhi District	275 85	94 45
Homer District	285 95	152 80
Shreveport District	498 95	122 55
Alexandria District	190 70	66 35
Opelousas District	299 25	254 40

Resolved, That we, the Board of Missions of the Louisiana Annual Conference, suggests the propriety of holding, at some opportune hour, of each District Conference Session, a Mass Missionary Meeting, in order that by addresses and otherwise, missionary information may be given and zeal inspired on this all-important subject, and that each District Conference be requested to appoint a deputation of one or more to visit prominent points in each pastoral charge in each district to hold mass meetings, deliver addresses, distribute tracts, papers, etc., in order that our people may come to understand fully and singly the vitality of the grand principle of the Gospel of the Son of God.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR 1881.

CLERICAL.

JOEL T. DAVES, President, R. S. TRIPPETT, Secretary.
JOHN A. MILLER, Vice President, C. KEENER, Treasurer,
J. D. HARPER. T. S. RANDALL.

LAY.

J. J. STOCKWELL, D. H. HAYES, L. R. LAY.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be denominated the Louisiana Annual Conference Board of Missions, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 2. The Board shall consist of nine members, elected annually by the Conference, five of whom shall constitute a quorum

for business. At their first meeting, the Board shall elect from their number a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring by death, resignation or otherwise.

ART. 3. The President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

ART. 4. The Secretary shall keep full and complete record of all the proceedings of the Board, and prepare the annual report of the Board for the Louisiana Annual Conference, a copy of which report he shall forward to the Secretary of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and properties of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make a full report annually of the receipts and disbursements; and he shall transmit to the Treasurer of the General Board all moneys he may receive for General purposes.

ART. 6. The Board shall regulate its own affairs. It shall have absolute control of the Missions it may establish, with the consent of the preachers of the Conference, within its own bounds, and of the funds raised for their support. It shall hold a public Anniversary Missionary meeting at each session of the Conference, the proceeds of which shall be equally divided between the Conference Board and the General Board. It shall publish a full report of its operations every year in the Minutes of the Conference. It shall annually estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the Missions of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' District for collection; and it shall divide the apportionment of the General Board among the several Districts of the Conference.

ART. 7. An annual collection shall be taken up in every congregation, by the preachers in charge, in aid of the Conference Missions, and another in aid of the Foreign Missions, the proceeds of which shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered and amended by a vote of a majority of the Conference at any of its annual sessions.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

On Saturday evening, at 4 P. M., was held the first anniversary of the Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary, and conjointly with it, was held also the first anniversary of the Woman's Mexican Missionary Society.

The meeting was opened by Rev. Joel T. Daves, and addressed by Dr. D. C. Kelley. The report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference W. F. M. Society, Mrs. W. H. Foster and of the Treasurer, Mrs. R. M. Walmsley were presented and read, also the report of the General Secretary of the Woman's Mexican Mission.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE W. F. M. SOCIETY.

To the Bishop and Members of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South:

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference, desire to present to the Conference this, their first report. This Society was organized just one year ago, at Baton Rouge, during the session of this Conference at that place.

During the year nine Auxiliaries have been reported, to-wit: Felicity street, Baton Rouge Opelousas, Tensas Chapel, Bayon Bœnf, Lake Providence, Pecan Grove, Washington and Shreveport. As a Society, we have raised over four hundred dollars, but we do not estimate the extent of the good accomplished by the amount raised. A spirit of missions has been awaked and a greater interest for the salvation of souls in heathen lands, missionary literature has been circulated, seeds have been sown from which we hope an abundant harvest may be reaped.

While many of our ministers have expressed their sympathy with our work to those who have been active in organization of auxiliaries, the officers of this Society would take this opportunity of expressing their thanks.

The General Conference has appointed us to a great work upon which we may enter without compromise of womanly dignity or modesty, may we be equal to the duties implied; and we would in the beginning of our work most earnestly solicit the co-operation of our brethren in the ministry in the organization of auxiliaries.

It is hoped before another session of our Conference, woman's work for woman will be favorably and impressively presented to every congregation in the bounds of the Conference, that the women of our church may be inspired with the missionary zeal and become active co-workers in this cause which is already being felt as a power in the church. We realize that what we need is more light, more wisdom, a greater unity of effort, and more willingness to engage in this glorious work.

Our "Woman's Missionary Advocate" if circulated will in a great measure overcome the difficulty in giving information concerning the nature and character of the work, and what has been already accomplished in the various fields. The cause of missions has long been dear to our hearts, but we had never realized that we could be an important factor in its behalf until the woman's work was brought before us. Were we to tell of our efforts, rather than of the re-

sults, this would be a much more extended report. Our work in this Conference may not yet in numbers and financial strength compare favorably with many of our other Conferences, but a good beginning has been made, and we are endeavoring to be co-workers with those of maturer age, experience, and ability.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. FOSTER,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONFERENCE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1880.	Collected this year		$423 80
	From Felicity Street Auxiliary Society	$188 85	
	From Baton Rouge Auxiliary Society	80 00	
	From Shreveport Auxiliary Society	55 00	
	From Illewana and Omega Auxiliary Society	24 55	
	From Lake Providence Auxiliary Society	21 10	
	From Bayou Bœuf Auxiliary Society	18 00	
	From Opelousas Auxiliary Society	16 60	
	From Tensas Chapel Auxiliary Society	10 00	
	From Washington Auxiliary Society	10 00	—$423 80

CREDITS.

1880.	By Amount to Mrs. W. H. Foster for stamps, etc	$16 55	
	By Amount Remitted to Mrs. J. H. Whitworth, treas.	407 25	—$423 80

MRS. R. M. WALMSLEY, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WOMAN'S MEXICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We beg the indulgence of your body while we state more fully the extent of woman's work in the Louisiana Conference.

It would be doing great injustice to the cause of missions, as well as to the churches of New Orleans, should we allow this Conference to believe that while the women of other portions of the State have been organizing themselves into auxiliaries and putting forth efforts, the result of which has just been reported to you by their treasurer, that the women of the three churches, Carondelet Street, St. Charles and Louisiana Avenue, have been idle.

There is existing in these three churches each a Mexican Missionary Society, two of which were organized and in successful operation before the general work in connection with the M. E. Church, South, was inaugurated at the General Conference at Atlanta.

In each of these Societies, a small but faithful band have been doing what they could for the spread of the Redeemer's Kingdom, more especially have they labored to hold up the hands of our earnest missionaries in Mexico The country lying so near us that we might truly call its inhabitants neighbors, into whose minds and hearts scarce one ray of gospel-light has found its way. Our hearts have been wonderfully drawn towards these people, we doubt not in answer to the prayers of a few devoted Christians who had heard the cry for "help," and had realized the fearful condition of the miserable priest-ridden people of that land, bound in fetters stronger and more galling than the chains of Egyptian bondage.

Knowing these facts, it was not strange that after sending the first fruits of our labor to the General Board at Nashville toward the outfit of Miss Rankin for China, we should resolve to devote all monies of the societies to the support of the Mexican Mission.

One of our own children reared in our Sunday School, now grown to woman's estate, her life consecrated to the services of her master, has been prepared,

clothed and sent to take charge of our girl's school in the City of Mexico, and to-day she is useing her utmost endeavors to win the hearts of thirty-five little girls, Mexican girls, for the Saviour.

The St. Charles Avenue Society was organized April 26th, 1877, under the Pastorate of Rev. John Hannon.

The Carondelet Street Society was organized in February, 1878, under the pastorate of Rev. John Matthews, and the Louisiana Avenue Society in February, 1880, under the pastorate of Rev. C. Keener, and these have raised up to date, as will be seen by the Financial Report hereto appended, the sum of seventeen hundred and sixty-four dollars and thirty-five cents ($1,764 35), all which has been expended upon our Mexican Mission, with the exception of forty dollars sent to Nashville, and twenty dollars sent to Rev. John W. Picot of French Mission in Louisiana. But eternity alone will reveal the good which has been and will be accomplished as the result of these efforts.

This brief sketch would be uncomplete should we fail to state that in the organization of the Societies, their continuance, the decision as to who should be the missionary sent out by us, her preparation and outfit, Mrs. Keener, the wife of our beloved Bishop has been and still is the leading and guiding spirit. Her advice and prayers have encouraged, sustained and strengthened us in the discouragements which have met us in our work, and are the foundation upon which we build.

Oh, that the Lord would warm the hearts of all the women of each church of our Methodism in the State, and of the Christian world to this glorious work for the Master, so that by united effort for Him, the world might be redeemed. Shall we not have the prayers of this body of holy men that neither Faith nor Works may fail.

Very Respectfully,

MRS. R. M. WALMSLEY,
Gen. Sect'y W. Mexican M. S.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF WOMAN'S MEXICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1877-78	St. Charles Avenue Society—		
	Collected	$299 20	
1879	Collected	283 05—	$582 25
1878	Carondelet Street Society—		
	Collected	240 00	
1879	Collected	323 45—	563 45
			$1,145 70
1880	Collected this year—		
	St. Charles Avenue	$221 30	
	Carondelet Street	317 25	
	Louisiana Avenue	80 00—	618 65
	Making total to date collected by W. M. M. S. since its organization		$1,764 35

MRS. R. M. WALMSLEY,
Gen. Sect'y W. M. M. S.

RECAPITULATION.

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED BY WOMAN'S F. M. S. AND WOMAN'S MEXICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR 1880.

New Orleans District	$921 50	
Delhi District	53 80	
Shreveport District	100 00	
Opelousas District	26 80—	$1,102 80

FOR CONFERENCE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following officers were elected for the year 1881:

President, Mrs. Mary W. Read.....Baton Rouge, La.,
Vice Presidents, Mrs. W. H. Wise.....Shreveport,
" Mrs. W. H. N. Magruder.....Baton Rouge, La.,
" Mrs. Z. C. Knox.....Baton Rouge, La.,
" Mrs. B. F. Alexander.....Waterproof,
" Mrs. E. T. Merrick.....New Orleans,
" Mrs. J. H. Kellar.....New Orleans,
" Mrs. W. E. Hamilton.....Minden,
" Mrs. John N. Pharr.....Morgan City,
Cor. Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Foster.....New Orleans,
" Mrs. Carrie Robinson.....Little River, La.,
Treasurer, Mrs. R. M. Walmsley.....New Orleans.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

The following Constitution and By-laws are printed for information, and recommended for use in the formation of Auxiliary Societies:

Constitution for Auxiliaries.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of ———, auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the evangelization of heathen women, and in raising funds for this work.

Art. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of one dollar per year, or ten cents per month, may become a member of this Society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life-member.

Art. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

Art. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each Auxiliary shall be the last regular meeting before that of

the Conference Society. At this annual meeting the reports of Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and to provide the pastor with notices of the meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to report quarterly, on or before the 1st of March, June, September, and December, to the Conference Secretary, the number of members and work of the Society.

5. *Order of Exercises for Monthly Meeting:* (1) Devotional Exercises; (2) Reading and approval of Minutes; (3) Reports from members of what they have done for the Society the past month; (4) Report of Treasurer in writing; (5) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (6) Unfinished Business; (7) Adjourment.

6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, and to hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book-account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer on or before the first of March, June, September, and December.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in special work of this Society.

8 There shall be a Standing Committee of three, to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for monthly and quarterly meetings.

9. If the work of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer is too heavy for those officers, assistants must be elected.

10. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, it must be filled as soon as possible.

11. Each lady connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members; and each shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer the Society, its workers, mission-schools, orphans, and missionaries.

Where Auxiliary Societies find that it is best to make the fee larger, it is entirely within their province to do so.

There will be an annual meeting of the General Executive Association at such time and place as may hereafter be determined.

CONFERENCE VISITING COMMITTEES.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

J. B. Walker, Joel T. Daves, Thos. J. Hough.

HOMER COLLEGE.

Jas. A. Parker, J. H. Stone, Jno. A. Miller.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

G. M. Liverman, J. T. Sawyer, Robert Randle.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Baxter Clegg, Jno. T. Sawyer, J. Lane Borden.

For Class of First Year—Jos. W. Medlock, J. J. Billingsly, N. S. Cornell.

For Class of Second Year—John A. Miller, John Pipes, A. A. Cornett.

For Class of Third Year—John Mathews, B. F. White, J. M. Brown.

For Class of Fourth Year—Joseph B. Walker, C. W. Carter, Christian Keener.

UNDERGRADUATES.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.

Thos. H. Jones, Sam. H. Whatley, Frank E. Butler, Asbury C. Couey, Reuben S. Collier, Robert M. Blocker, Jeptha Landrum.

CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.

Albert Taylor Galloway, Charles Frederick Stivers, Charles T. Munholland.

CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.

J. L. P. Shepherd, James M. Beard, Samuel Keener.

CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.

John B. Cassity, A. M. Wailes, C. R. Benson, Patrick Galvin.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

STUDIES—The Bible in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to its historical and biographical parts, and its chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 1, sections, 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, chapters 1 and 2; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 1; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, part 4; Preacher's Manual; Redford's History of the Organization of the M. E. Church, South; Written Sermon on Repentance.

Books of Reference—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to its prophetical parts, Wesley's Sermons, vol. 2; Watson's Institutes, part 3; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline with special reference to chapters 2, 3 and 4; Manuel of Discipline, chapters 3 and 4; Coppée's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

Books of Reference—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus' Hand-Book of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composi-

tion of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons; Bickersteth on the Spirit of Life, and Whately's Rhetoric..

CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 3; Watson's Institutes, part 2; Coppée's Logic; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to chapter 5, to the end; Manuel of Discipline, chapters 5, 6 and 7; Rivers' Mental Philosophy, and Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

Books of Reference—Young's Christ of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickock's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whately's Logic.

CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.

STUDIES—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, vol. 4; Watson's Institutes, part 1; Powell on Apostolical Succession; Hickock's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline, reviewed; Manuel of Discipline, chapters 8 and 9; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

Books of Reference—Butler's Analogy: Bingham's Antiquities; River's Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of Our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

COMMENTARIES—Clark's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospels, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testatment, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testment, Macknight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

NOTE—The Examination will be confined to the course of study. The books of reference are recommended to be read, and the Commentaries to be consulted. The undergraduates and the Committees of Examination are required, by resolution of Conference, to be present at 9 A. M., Tuesday, before Conference session.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE—OF WHOM COMPOSED.

The following is the rule respecting the organization of District Conferences:

The District Conference shall be composed, first, of all the preachers, travel-

ing and local, in the District; and, second. of one lay delegate from every forty members, or fractional part thereof, within the bounds of each Circuit Station and Mission in the District. The lay members shall be elected by the several Quarterly Conference, and no Quarterly Conference shall be denied two lay delegates.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL CONFERENCE.

LINUS PARKER, President,
ROBERT J. HARP,
T. J. WILLIAMS,
JOHN MATHEWS,
PHILO M. GOODWYN,
R. S. TRIPPETT,
BENJ. F. ALEXANDER,
W. H. FOSTER,
CHRISTIAN KEENER.

Resolved, That the Conference Board of Trustees be instructed to hold a meeting at every session of the Conference, and to make a report in due form to the Conference of their proceedings, and of all matters in their charge.

Resolved, That the Act of Incorporation be published annually in the printed Minutes.

ACT OF INCORPORATION OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened*, That John C. Keener, H. N. McTyeire, J. Saunders, R. Randle, J. B. Walker, S. J. Davies, L. Parker, Philo M. Goodwyn and L. A. Reid, and their associates and successors, such as the Louisiana Annual Conference may, from time to time, think proper to appoint, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the "Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and by which name said corporation shall have succession, and be capable of suing and being sued, entering into contracts and receiving and holding property for educational purposes, and such charitable uses as may, from time to time, be specified by the said Conference at its annual sessions, either by donation or purchase.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the domicile of said corporation shall be located in the City of New Orleans, and the affairs thereof shall be managed by nine Trustees, to be appointed by the Louisiana Annual Conference, one of whom shall be elected President. The President and four Trustees shall form a quorum, and shall have power to appoint all other officers necessary for conducting its affairs, and make and adopt such rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem proper for the management of the said corporation; provided, that the same be in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and not repugnant to the laws of the State.

JOHN M. SANDIDGE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
ROBERT C. WICKLIFFE,
President of the Senate.

Approved March 15, 1855.

P. O. HEBERT,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
ANDREW S. HERRON,
Secretary of State.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ORLEANS METHODIST DEPOSITORY.

BISHOP J. C. KEENER, LINUS PARKER, D.D.,
JOSEPH B. WALKER, D.D., R. M. WALMSLEY,
R. L ROBERTSON, WILLIAM H. FOSTER,
JOHN G. PARHAM, J. J. LYONS, M. D.,
BENJ. O. L. RAYNE.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEW ORLEANS METHODIST DEPOSITORY TO THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, TO BE HELD AT SHREVEPORT, DECEMBER 15, 1880.

Dear Brethren--The Depository Building is as at our last report, occupied in part by the New Orleans Christian Advocate and by the Family Friend, published by Dr. Ahrens, for the German M. E. Church, South. The balance of the house, including the first floor and portions of the second and third floors, is rented to Messrs. Lathrop and Wilkins, for book and stationery business, at $75 per month.

At last report there was in hands of

Treasurer of the Board	$319 79	
Received for rent since	900 00—	$1219 79
Paid for repairs	21 00	
Paid for insurance	68 00—	89 00
Balance in hands on treasurer		$1130 79

There are tax suits pending against the Board, of City and State, amounting in all to $900, with interest and charges estimated at $200, altogether amounting to $1100. The Board entertains the hope that these taxes, either in whole or in part will be remitted, but some months will probably intervene before a settlement is reached. Of the funds in the hands of the Board, we think that $500 could be safely appropriated by the Conference to its Conference Claimant Fund, or to some other benevolent purpose. Prudence requires that the balance be retained by the Board, as it may be needed in the settlement of the tax suits.

The Depository Building is in good repair and insured for $8000.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. M. WALMSLEY, President,
LINUS PARKER, Secretary.

New Orleans, Nov. 18, 1880.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Extracts.—In reviewing the statistics of this Conference, we are happy to report a considerable increase in all the items except two, and to state that the missionary contributions from the Sunday schools here have been doubled.

The two items in which we have to report a decrease, are the volumes in library and the number of scholars received into the church. The first decrease may be accounted for by the fact that our periodical literature furnishes reading for the children, while the demands of the youth are met by larger and more costly volumes than have formerly been used.

The second item of decrease will not be astonishing, when it is remembered that the revivals of last year, in many places, brought so many of the scholars

into the church, as to leave much less material for this year's work. In conclusion we would say that your committee find cause for the profound gratitude to the great head of the church, for the marked success of our Sunday school work, and we offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That we continue with unabated zeal to prosecute our work in this important field, that God may be glorified in the salvation of the children, and that under the learning influence of the religion of Jesus, our country may attain that degree of prosperity which will enable us to realize the vision of the Psalmist, in beholding our sons as plants grown up in their youth, and our daughters as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace.

J. M. BROWN,
J. J. BILLINGSLEY,
D. H. HAYES.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee to whom was referred the Bible Cause beg leave most respectfully to report that:

We rejoice to know that the blessed word of God is now being printed and published in upwards of two hundred languages and dialects of the babbling earth including bibles for the blind.

While we thus would rejoice in the widespread distribution of the Holy Word of God, we lament that our own field of labor within the bounds of the Louisiana Conference has not been self sustaining, from various causes unnecessary to be detailed.

We find on pages 2d and 3d of the communication directed to the Louisiana Annual Conference now in session, and signed by Rev. J Ivy, agent for the Southwestern Bible Society, located in the city of New Orleans, the following language:

"This work has been performed almost entirely at the expense of the Parent Society which has continued to make us liberal grants of books, otherwise, the Society could hardly have done enough to vindicate the propriety of a perpetuation of its existence."

This language plainly and emphatically expresses a want to be supplied, and the necessity of a change of the connection of the Louisiana Annual Conference with the Southwestetn Bible Society, and some plan inaugurated by which a more liberal support may be rendered by this field to the Southwestern Bible Society, and the Bible Cause.

For these reasons your committee would suggest the propriety of direct communication and communion with the Parent Board, and that the American Bible Society be requested to appoint an agent under its own authority and for this field.

Resolved, Therefore, that the Louisiana Annual Conference through its Secretary request the appointment of such agent by the American Bible Society.

R S TRIPPETT,
T. K. FAUNT LEROY,
J. W. HARMON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PUBLICATIONS.

The committee on church publications have had the publishing interest, as referred to them under consideration. Few questions involve more in their answering than the question: "What are our people reading?" Books, and reading matter of all descriptions were never so abundant, so cheap, so accessible as now. If this reading, so abundantly and cheaply furnished, was all good reading to the use of edifying, promoting and developing intellectual and spiritual life, it would be prophetic of better times, and matter of devout congratulation. But we all know alas; but to well, that this is not so. Many of the books poured from the press, if interrogated might reply: "Our name is legion, and we are devils." The mind like the body, grows and fattens on what it feeds. Judging by the food intellectual on which multitudes are feed-

ing, what sort of moral and intellectual growth are we likely to have in the near future? The church of God cannot innocently, nor safely look on with folded arms and care for none of these things. In ignoring one responsibility, she assumes the tremendous responsibility of another still more weighty and oppressive. She must be up and doing; she must fight darkness with light, error with truth and sin with holiness and love.

The overwhelming majority of readers among us, read little beside the daily, weekly and monthly issues of the press. Books are read only by the few. As then the reading public has elected to read this class of publications, we are to a great degree shut up to the necessity of providing their moral and intellectual food through the use of the same instrumentality. There never was so great need as now, for the circulation of weeklies and monthlies of elevated intellectual and moral tone as now. The church should consecrate her most fascile, gifted and sanctified pens to the great work of disseminating christian truth, which shall with the blessing of God, make the readers wise unto salvation.

We rejoice to recognize the fact that our Southern Methodism is doing somewhat in the great work of evangelical publication in books, monthly periodicals and weekly religious newspapers. In Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, California and Tennessee, religious weeklies are issued under the auspices of our zion. Gifted editors, and a vast corps of able contributors, are laboring to spread scriptural holiness over these lands.

THE PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The report of the venerable and honored Agent of our Publishing interest at Nashville, encourages the hope that our church publishing enterprise that has so long struggled with overshadowing clouds of difficulty, is breaking through, and rising above the darkness, and promises to shine brightly, to shine long and scatter its light afar. The Agent states the cheering fact that the steam power presses of the Publishing House are taxed to their utmost to meet the growing demand for our church publications. The reports that the Publishing House now rests upon such a basis, and its business is conducted on such a plan, as to insure its permanent and increasing usefulness.

The Christian Advocate, and the Sunday School Publications, as they deserve to do; are increasing their circulation, and power of usefulness. The Agent asks our hearty co-operation with himself, and the editors at the head of our various and connectional publications at Nashville.

NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

In two short years nearly every neighborhood in the Gulf States will be within two days of our great southern centre of trade and population, the domicile of our own excellent and beloved Advocate. While we should feel a lively sympathy in the prosperity and success of all our church papers, laboring as they are, to spread the Master's truth, and promote the Master's kingdom among us; we should especially concentrate our efforts on our own most excellent organ, and make it more and more a power for good in these southern lands. It is not a debatable question that its circulation should be extended to at least double its present issue. All along the lines of these railways, new towns will quickly spring into existence, and the population of our conference territory will rapidly multiply. Many churches must be built, congregations gathered, and Sunday Schools organized. In all this great and various work our Advocate will be a most efficient auxiliary.

In helping our Advocate, we are helping ourselves. It circulates knowledge, quickens zeal, encourages hope, and stimulates the piety of the church. Let us then come up as with the heart and unity of one man and the strength of all. We may safely commend our Advocate to our congregations, and our families, as a visitor whose weekly coming will enlighten, elevate and purify the homes whose hospitality it shares.

Your committee offer the following resolutions for the consideration of the Conference, and if it approves, for adoption in relation to our various publishing interest:

Resolved, 1. That it is matter of thankfulness to God from whom all blessings flow, that the general outlook of all our publishing interest is so hopeful.

Resolved, 2. That we approve of the business conduct of our connectional publishing interests at Nashville.

Resolved, 3. That we will promote the sale of the Books issued by our Publishing House, and the circulation of the periodicals issued therefrom.

Resolved, 4. That Mr. Lathrop deserves well for his promptitude and liberal enterprise in furnishing us our Advocate on such fair paper, and clear type, and larger space for reading matter.

Resolved, 5. That our beloved and efficient Editor has our unabated confidence and hearty approval, and that we invoke the blessing of God upon his editorial and ministerial labors.

Resolved, 6. That we will continue and increase our efforts to extend the circulation of the New Orleans Christian Advocate within our Conference bounds.

J. B. WALKER,
Chairman Committee on Church Publications.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, PART SECOND.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Extracts:

Your committee has received the report of Centenary College from President Andrews. Also an important paper from the quarterly Conference of the Bastrop station, relative to the same, both of which have been duly considered. It is with no ordinary degree of pleasure that we hear of the material prosperity of this venerable institution, from the one and the strong endorsement, and warm commendation from such a strong body as the Bastrop Quarterly Conference. We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the cheering information of increase of patronage and confidence in Centenary College, as reported to us by Dr. Andrews in behalf of the Board of Trustees, gives us real pleasure.

Resolved, That we will by all practical means co-operate heartily with the Faculty and Board of Trustees to enlarge its usefulness, being fully assured that it merits the confidence and patronage of the church and public.

Resolved, That we will specially call attention to and stress the fact, that without impinging against its real merits as an institution of learning, the cost of education there has been reduced below that of any other college, so far as we know in the United States.

REPORT ON MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE

We are gratified to learn that the spring session, under Rev. Thos. Armstrong, was a prosperous one, and regret that the occasion should ever have arisen requiring him to resign his position as president of the college, and that he is no longer a citizen of our State.

We are also gratified to learn that the presidency of Rev. J. Lane Borden has been inaugurated with indubitable signs of success. The report of the managers states the property to be unencumbered. We learn that the buildings are undergoing repairs, and that the college is in good working order, with a full corps of teachers. It is stated that the expenses of board and tuition have been greatly reduced With the prospect of the early completion of a railroad connecting Mansfield with New Orleans and Shreveport, there is no reason why this institution, having as it does a healthful location, should not begin to date a new era of prosperity. In view of these facts, we offer the following resolutions:

1. That we approve the action of the Board of Managers for the year 1880.
2. That we, as Methodists will not forget the importance of patronizing and sustaining our schools.
3. That the following Board of Managers be appointed for the ensuing conference year: Rev. John Pipes, Rev. T. H. McClendon, Rev. John T. Sawyer, Major Wm. Baynon and B. F. Jenkins.

HOMER COLLEGE.

In regard to Homer College, we offer the following:

Resolved, That we regret to learn the present financial condition and state of the college, but leave it in the hands of the Board of Trustees, to be disposed of according to the best of their judgment.

RESOLUTIONS.

Your committee respectfully offer the following resolutions:

1. That we recognize the importance of educating our own Methodist children, not only in our colleges and universities, but in their first years of training.

2. That in the future we will endeavor, whenever practicable, to erect a school-house contiguous to every church, for the purpose of training our children in our own schools.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Resolved, That we still esteem the importance of the educational work done by Prof. W. H. N. Magruder at the Collegiate Institute, Baton Rouge, La., and will on all suitable occasions recommend this institute to our people.

READVILLE SEMINARY.

Resolved, That this institution conducted by Mrs. M. W. Read, also located at Baton Rouge, we will ever hold in the highest regard, and heartily commend to our people, who have daughters to educate.

PIERCE AND PAINE COLLEGE.

Your Committee recommend the appointment of the following as the Board of Trustees for Pierce and Paine College:

Reverends Jno. Pipes, J. Lane Borden, B. F. Alexander, J. A. Miller, R. Parvin, B. Clegg, J. B. Cassity, J. M. Johnston, Robert Randle, G M. Liverman, T. J. Hough.

LAY.

H. J. Davies, E. W. Jackson, N. C. Gibbs, W. D. Gooch, J. M. Gibbs, Sr., J. Porter, R. W. Freeman, H. S. Kennedy, H. Hampton, A. G. Jordon, A. P. Massey.

Respectfully submitted,

JOEL. T. DAVES, CHAIRMAN,
BAXTER CLEGG, J. J. STOCKWELL.
J. D. HARPER, W. H. LESLIE,
J W. MEDLOCK, T. H. McCLENDON.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

MEASURES TO AID IN THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG MINISTERS, ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

The Report of Committee on Education was read by Joel T. Daves, Chairman. Bro. Daves, Bishop Keener, and others spoke at length in regard to Centenary College. Rev. C. Keener offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each year the members of this Conference present the claims of Centenary College to their congregations, and take up collections for the education of ministers, and that they forward the same to the president of the college, and report the same at our annual session.

C. KEENER,
J. B. WALKER.

It was adopted. So much of the original report as related to Centenary College was also adopted. On the last day of the session the following was proposed with reference to the same interest:

Resolved, That the joint Board of Finance be instructed to apportion to the various districts for Centenary College collections twice the amount apportioned for Bishops.

R. S. ISBELL,
C. KEENER.

Adopted.

And the following apportionment declared: New Orleans District, $600; Delhi District, $200; Opelousas District, $200; Homer District, $250; Shreveport District, $250; Alexandria District, $100; total, $1600.

Following this action of Conference, the body formally adjourned to organize a Ministerial Educational Association, whose object should be the support and maintenance while at college of worthy young men prepairing for the ministry. In committee of the whole, the measure was carried, some thirty names being secured, and one hundred dollars in cash contributed. The organization was perfected with the following officers: J. T. Daves, President, John T. Sawyer, Secretary, and C. Keener, Treasurer.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

CONSTITUTION.

I.—*Name.*—The association shall be called "The Ministerial Educational Association of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

II.—*Object.*—Its object shall be to assist in the education of young men called to the ministry in said Church and Conference.

III.—*Officers.*—The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer.

IV.—*Executive Board.*—The officers, together with two other members of the Association to be elected annually, shall constitute a Board of Managers, or Executive Board.

V.—*Duties of Officers.*—Shall be such as is common to officers of similar associations.

VI.—*Membership.*—The payment of $5 annually shall constitute any one a member of this Association.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

VII.—A note given for the sum of $100, payable in ten annual installments without interest, shall constitute any one a life member. In case of death the note or balance due not collectable.

VIII.—Applicants for assistance must hold their membership in the Church in the bounds of said Conference; they must also be recommended by the District Conference.

IX.—When such applicants receives assistance from the Association to the amount of $100, more or less, per annum, he shall execute his note of hand

to the Treasurer of the Association for $100, more or less, for each year he has been assisted.

Finishing his course of preparation and entering the Conference as a traveling preacher, he shall be entitled to a credit of $100 for each year annually until the whole amount is liquidated. The notes are not to bear interest. Should the one receiving such help and giving said notes fail to enter the ministry and continue therein for three years, said notes shall be binding and collectable, with legal interest.

X.—*Auxiliaries.*—Auxiliary Associations are to be formed in each Presiding Elder's District. And when any one District pays to the Treasurer of the Conference Association the amount of $200 annually, the Board of Managers of said Auxiliary, or District Association, shall be at liberty to apply said amount to the aid of young men in its own bounds upon the same conditions and limitations of the Conference Association. In the event that such District or Auxiliary Association should have no such applicants, then the funds must be paid to the Treasurer of the Conference Association.

ANNUAL MEETINGS.

XI.—There shall be an annual meeting of the Association during the session of the Conference, in order, by addresses, reports, etc., that the Association may increase its membership and means.

CHANGE.

XII.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a majority vote of the membership.

Organized at Shreveport, during the session of the Annual Conference, December 21, 1880.

Officers:

JOEL T. DAVES, President,
LINUS PARKER, D. D., Vice-President,
J. J. STOCKWELL, Vice-President,
J. T. SAWYER, Secretary,
C. KEENER, Treasurer.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, DECEMBER 20, 1880.

Your committee, to whom the subject of temperance was referred, beg leave to submit the following report: After a careful examination of the subject, we have accepted the definition of the term temperance to signify the moderate use of all things lawful or proper to be used, and total abstinance from all things not lawful, or proper or expedient to be used. First, we unhesitatingly recommend total abstinance from all intoxicating liquors, as a beverage, as the very best method, if not the only means for individual security against a common evil. Universal observation and experience show that the moderate, or what is called the temperate use of intoxicating beverages, result in their immoderate or intemperate use. By a habitual moderate use of artificial stimulants a morbid appetite is soon created for it, which cannot easily be denied; nor will the same quantity satisfy the appetite to-day which satisfied it yesterday; it demands an increased amount; neither will the same number of times which the lotion was repeated last month be sufficient to satisfy the appetite this month; an increased number of lotions are required. Thus drunkenness is almost the universal result of dram-drinking. Your committee does not deem it worthy their time or attention to condescend to notice all the quibbles and subterfuges to which dram-drinking resort in justification of their pernicious practice; they too plainly show that they are the result of a depraved appetite. Your committee would further recommend, as the only national remedy to save the people of this commonwealth from drunkenness, a prohibitory law by which the manufacture, importation and traffic in intoxicating liquors shall be prevented, unless it be for medicinal, mechanical or scientific purposes.

We are of the opinion that at the present time there is such a depraved appetite, both inherited and imbibed, for artificial stimulants, and so much money in their manufacture and traffic, that nothing less than a national prohibition, backed by a healthy public sentiment, can ever arrest the mighty tide of this evil. The tide is too high, the current too mighty, the stream too immense in its proportions and too overwhelming in its course to be arrested by moral suasion or by the cold process of intellectual reasoning.

These, under existing circumstances. can have, comparatively, little influence. The opinion of your committee is based upon the following statistical reports collected from the official records of the government. In the United States there are 175,266 places where alcoholic beverages are sold, 5,652 distilleries and 2,830 breweries. The direct cost of this business is estimated to be $700 000,000, and the indirect cost of it to be three times as much more. To make this liquor it took 13,985,745 bushel of corn, 2,838,933 bushels of rye and 2,801,307 gallons of molasses, all of which is diverted from its proper use, and worse than lost to the nation. The revenue paid to the government for the year ending June, 1879, for distilled and fermented liquors was $63,299,604 77. It is also estimated that from 60 to 100,000 persons becomes victims to drunkenness and death every year, and three times that number of widows and orphans left to fill the land with their wail and woe. True, out of all this misery, tears and suffering the government realizes an annual revenue of $60,000,000 or rather barters its subjects at about $500 per head.

It is objected that prohibition does not prohibit—that the celebrated Maine law of thirty years past is a failure—that the experiments in local option laws have been unavailing; but this cry invariably comes from the advocates of the drink system; their craft is in danger. Facts and figures show that the accusation is false. Before the law Maine had her distilleries, breweries and grog-shops, as other States. Now there is not a still or brewery or open grog-shop in the State. Before the law the death rate from drunkenness was one for every fifty-four, now it is reduced to only one for every three hundred.

In the Indian territory the manufacture and traffic in intoxicating liquors is prohibited by the government, and no man dares to make or sell whisky in all that territory. In every town, ward or parish, where the local option law has been adopted and enforced, there has been a perceptible decrease in crime and drunkenness. In all the jails, penitentiaries, work-houses and lunatic asylums the inmates are sober by the force of law. While, in the opinion of your committee, the influence of the ballot-box will be an essential means in getting prohibitory measures adopted and executed by the government, they believe in the main, it is a work which will have to be accomplished through the power and influence of the church of God. Neither do we think it necessary to become alarmed about becoming a political church. Both the great political parties of the nation, with their avowed principles and lines well defined, alike ignore the temperance question as an article of their creed. Yet the professed Christian, whether he belongs to a political party or not, should advocate temperance measures and the nomination of temperance men for office, and then vote for them. The church of God in this nation has a membership sufficient, if united, to pole a vote which would change the aspect of things in favor of prohibition. Why should the church hesitate to use the ballot-box as a means of arresting one of the mightiest evils of the land when the advocates of the drink system look to it as almost the exclusive means of their success? They spend their time, energies and money to secure votes and to keep temperance men out of office.

There is an organization in this country styled "The United States Brewers' Association." They held their Twentieth Annual Convention in Buffalo, New York. The following resolution will show the object and character of this association:

Resolved, That we recognize, as the best means in our power, the support of candidates for the various legislative bodies of the country who are opposed to the enactment of sumptuary laws, such as temperance reformers are striving to place in the statute books.

There is another association in this country styled, "The National Distillers'

and Spirit Dealers' Association of the United States." At their last annual convention the president, in his opening address, congratulated the association that, by concentrating their forces upon Congress, they had obtained special advantages by the passage of the Alcoholic Leakage bill, the Western distillers had been relieved of a tax of $50,000. By the passage of the Carlisle bill they had been relieved of many annoyances. Among the resolutions passed there was one favoring the amendment of a certain statute so as to permit distillers to operate on Sunday. Thus they are working, through means of the ballot-box, to be sustained by the Government.

Your Committee deem it important to point out some of the barriers to be overcome by temperance men. First, the evils are too great, too formidable, too numerous to be met. A man with less nerve than Martin Luther, or less will than an Andrew Jackson, would be expected to quail before it. Then there is such an immense gain in it. The minister's living sometimes depends upon it, the layman gets his living out of it, and the Government is supported by its revenue. Who dare gainsay its philanthropy? Then there are hundreds and thousands of our people, from the habitual use of artificial stimulants, who have contracted such an unnatural taste for it, and which has created such a burning thirst for it, that no motive on earth or in heaven is sufficient to win them from drink. Their will is gone, and appetite is the only controlling element left in them. Unless you take the temptation out of their way by the force of law they are doomed. As a commodity of merchandise it is looked upon as essential to success. Farmers deem it a necessity in order to control labor, hence the African population are being made drunkards by the wholesale. Such are some of the barriers in the way of a temperance reform.

Your committee deem it important to state the various influence at work to overthrow the evil of intemperance. All the different churches in the land, as such, are strongly advocating the cause of temperance, most of whom agree that prohibition is the only remedy. It is true, and to be lamented, that there are individual members in every church who oppose all temperance measures. The Rev. Wm. E. Dodge of New York, and minister of the Presbyterian Church, charged it upon his church that there are not less than 10,000 of its members who oppose temperance measures.

It was proclaimed on the floor of the General Conference of our church, in 1874, if certain prohibitory measures were passed it would result in the loss of 50,000 members of said church. Yet, in the main, the church is taking a decided and bold stand for the cause of temperance. Ths secretary of the National Temperance Society and Publishing House, at its fifteenth annual meeting, last June, stated that $78,000 had been spent in copyrights, stereotyping and engraving, and now have 800 different publications, from the one page tract to the bound volume of a thousand pages. These embrace every phase of the subject, moral, social, medical, political, religious, financial, scientific and commercial. These have been scattered in every State in the Union and nearly in every civilized country in the world. More than two 200 authors have contributed to these pages, among them are some of the ablest writers, both of the new and old world. Besides, there are a large number of different temperance organizations, which are at work in nearly every State in the Union. The combined efforts of temperance workers have been felt, and the result of their labors are apparent. During the last year a local opition law was adopted by English Parliament. Petitions have been presented to our own Congress, signed by hundreds and thousands of temperance advocates. A commission of inquiry has been asked for, and urged for seven consecutive years, and has more than once passed the Senate, and it is believed that by persistent efforts, it will be finally granted. Kansas, that new and growing State, at the last election, voted an amendment of the constitution, which was to prohibit the manufacture and trafic of intoxicating liquors in its territory.

Thus the work of reformation is going on, and your committee are of the opinion that time and persistent efforts will ultimately banish the accursed evil from the land.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Louisiana Annual Conference, of the

Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now convened in the city of Shreveport, La.. do petition and memoralize the Legislature of the State of Louisiana to take the necessary steps to bring before the people of the State, for their consideration and vote, the importance of so amending the constitution of the State as to prohibit the manufacture, t affic or importation of intoxicating liquors in the State, unless it be for medicinal, mechanical or scientific purposes.

Resolved. That we appoint a delegate from this Conference to attend a convention of the National Temperance Society, which has been called to meet at Saratoga Springs, June 21, 1881.

NOTE—The memorial referred to in the above resolution is to be prepared by the Conference at its next session.

JOHN PIPES, Chairman.

MEMOIRS.

The committee on memoirs through its chairman reported as follows:

John W. Pointer, the subject of this memoir, was born in Missouri in the year 1839; the precise locality of his birth is unknown to your committee. His father having died before his majority, he being the oldest son, became manager of his father's business and provided for his mother and the family. A service most nobly rendered.

As a youth he was generous, brave and diligent. In business transactions he gained the respect of his acquaintances, by his integrity and manly bearing. In social life, he was cheerful, companionable and a marked favorite.

He reached manhood before he professed conversion and united with the church. The lessons taught by pious parents, did not restrain him from worldly amusements, so that his awakening becomes an incident as singular as remarkable. While attending a dancing party during Christmas holidays, just after closing a dancing set, strong conviction seized his heart, and he laid down his fiddle which he had been playing for the party, and said to a companion: "Here and forever I cease this course of life and by the grace of God, will endeavor to be a christian and seek a home in heaven."

From that time he changed his manner of life and sought religion until he realized a thorough regeneration of his nature, which to use his own language, "was as clear as a sunbeam." From that hour to the day of his death he never doubted concerning his conversion; although, to use again his own words, "he had come short of duty and felt clouds on his soul, yet he never wavered in his purpose to make his calling and election sure." Soon after his conversion and connection with the church, it was apparent to many who knew him and especially to his pastor, that he was called to the ministry of the word, and was urged to apply for license to preach.

He hesitated for more than twelve months, but finally yielded and received license. He confessed times of ministerial unfaithfulness passed over him, but he never regretted the step taken. He became a private soldier in the Confederate army and served in that relation for two consecutive years. On a Sunday morning, me think at Vicksburg, standing with gun in hand, expecting a charge from the enemy, he called his fellow-soldiers about him and preached to them the Gospel of the grace of God. At this instant, the division general for some cause, came on the ground and saw brother Pointer preaching to the soldiers, and inquired about him, and learning the facts, sent to him unasked by brother Pointer a commission as Chaplain to the regiment. In this relation he continued to serve to the close of the war. The war having ended, he found it dangerous to remain in his native State, so he moved into Mississippi and became a member of his uncle Hollingsworth's family and joined the Mississippi Conference. We think he received an appointment in that Conference but did not fill it on account of the removal of his uncle from that State. He was afterwards transferred to Louisiana Conference, in which he served till the day of his death, November 28, 1880.

Brother Pointer as a preacher, was above mediocrity. His manner solemn and earnest. His style clear and vigorous. His conception of doctrines and duties clear, and presentation forcible. He filled all the appointments given him with great acceptability. His return to a circuit was received with favor.

In the appointment which he last filled, he was greatly loved both in his pastoral and pulpit relations. The duties of husband were so fulfilled and tenderly performed, that the warmest love and reverence of wife and step-daughter flowed out to him, and made his home a place of sweetest pleasure. In social life he was genial, frank and humorous, cheerful without levity, just without austerity, kind and generous to all. The needy around him, knew his benevolence ran far towards extravagance in relieving their wants. As a citizen he was liberal, firm and active, alive to every duty of patriotism. Many are the regrets expressed in his community for the loss of one so valuable in all his relations. With a stalwart frame, a noble soul, he was appreciated where ever known.

Few men in his portion of the country commanded so much respect and confidence.

For the few years past brother Pointer's growth of power in the pulpit has been very marked. He seemed to grow and mellow into a sweet spiritual life in the past few months. His occasional attacks of sickness seemed to impress him that his stay on earth would be brief, and he expressed both readiness and willingness to go and be with the blessed in heaven. Our body has lost a worthy member, and some of us a greatly loved friend, and need the consolations of our holy religion. It is pleasant to know that whatever comfort may be desired of a knowledge that all duties of settled relations were nobly discharged, and all the assurance of a living, guiding, molding faith in the Blessed Jesus can inspire are ours, and all will not sorrow as those without hope. Brother Pointer has gone home. We, and the world are blessed with the example of a noble son, husband, friend and minister of Jesus, to cheer us on to gain the crown of life.

M. C. MANLY,
B. CLEGG,
Committee.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference expresses and tenders its sincere sympathy to the bereaved family of brother Pointer and that we invoke upon them the protection and blessing of God of the widow and the Father of the orphan.

The following resolutions, commemorative of Bishop D. S. Doggett, lately deceased, were read and adopted after an impressive address by Bishop Keener:

Whereas, In the order of Providence Bishop David S. Doggett, one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has recently been removed from our midst by death.

And Whereas, The Louisiana Annual Conference, sharing with the whole Church in its appreciation of his shining gifts, devoted services, and exalted piety, and partaking in the general sorrow, desire to make some expression of their love and respect for his memory.

Therefore Resolved, That we bear our testimony to the fidelity and distinguished ability with which he discharged the duties of his high and responsible office in the Church, and to the Christian graces which were exhibited in his character and life.

Resolved, That whilst feeling deeply the loss which we, in common with our entire connection, have sustained by Bishop Doggett's death, we gratefully recognize the goodness of God, in the gracious support and comfort which he enjoyed in his last illness, and which made his death-bed a scene of spiritual triumph and peace.

Resolved, That we tender our sympathy and prayers to his bereaved family and sorrowing colleagues.

LINUS PARKER,
J. B. WALKER.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That it is not safe nor wise for our ministers to permit persons who have been expelled from this Conference, or from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; or who have withdrawn from the same on account of their disbelief in our usages; or on account of their unwillingness to embrace its doctrines as preached by us, to preach in our churches; and that it is not wise or safe to permit such persons to organize churches or societies in our own houses, thus opening the doors of our churches for the introduction of dissensions among our people, and for the disintegration of our church.

C. KEENER,
F. G. HOCUTT,
J. B. WALKER,
J. D. HARPER.

Resolved, That the Louisiana Annual Conference request the Bishops not to appoint the next session of our Conference earlier than the first Wednesday in February, 1882.

J. B. WALKER,
L. PARKER.

A resolution to appoint a delegate to the National Temperance Convention to be held at Saratoga, N. Y., was also adopted, and John Pipes was appointed as such delegate by the presiding Bishop.

EXHIBIT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE AND MISSION BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1880.

NAME OF WORK.	Membership.	Collected for Bishops.	Collected for Conference Claimants.	Allowance for Preacher in Charge.	Receipts of Preacher in Charge.	Allowance for Presiding Elder.	Receipts for Presiding Elder.	Collected for Foreign Missions.	Collected for Domestic Missions.	Collected by Woman's F. Missionary Society.	NAME OF PREACHER.
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—											LINUS PARKER, P. E.
Carondelet Street	536	$113 70	$200 00	$500 00	$2369 88	$200 00	$237 85	$136 00	$84 00	$350 45	J. B. Walker.
Felicity Street	341	64 70	140 40	1200 00	1200 00	240 00	240 00	153 50	56 50	188 85	John Hannon.
Morean Steeet	105	10 50	56 05	400 00	515 00	25 00	25 00	98 25	27 55	.....	J. M. Beard.
St. Charles Avenue	224	50 00	122 00	2500 00	2500 00	150 00	57 50	177 25	0 00	221 30	John Mathews.
Louisiana Avenue	148	20 00	100 00	1200 00	860 00	40 00	37 50	80 00	57 85	80 00	Christian Keener.
Algiers	80	10 00	17 15	1000 00	300 35	30 00	7 50	31 10	2 65	.....	Lewis A. Reid.
Plaquemine and Grosse-Tete	59	10 00	50 00	.....	700 00	.....	30 00	5 00	.....	.....	T. K. Faunt LeRoy.
Baton Rouge	324	25 00	125 00	1500 00	1350 00	80 00	80 00	116 00	25 00	80 90	J. T. Sawyer.
Lafourche Mission	63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thomas Jones.
Total for New Orleans District	1880	$303 90	$804 60	$10 300 00	$9795 43	$765 00	$715 35	$792 10	$306 55	$921 50	
DELHI DISTRICT—											B. F. ALEXANDER, P. E.
Trenton, Monroe and Delhi	240	$10 00	$42 50	$1200 00	$828 50	$120 00	$82 00	$38 85	$17 60	.....	C. W. Carter.
Colony and Falk's Chapel	98	6 00	2 50	500 00	400 00	50 00	41 00	7 20	7 10	.....	C. W. Hodge.
Bastrop	166	10 00	40 00	800 00	800 00	100 00	100 00	60 00	10 00	.....	J. M. McKee.
Lind Grove	303	10 00	38 50	685 00	685 00	100 00	75 00	27 50	11 75	.....	A. A. Cornett.
Oak Ridge	140	10 00	26 00	800 00	700 00	100 00	.....	10 00	5 05	.....	R. S. Trippett.
Rayville	239	10 00	15 75	800 00	366 50	100 00	53 25	24 40	.....	.....	R. S. Cornell.
Winnsboro	283	5 00	13 65	450 00	242 00	90 90	31 85	12 40	12 90	.....	Phillip Allen.
Waterproof and St. Joseph	78	1 00	23 05	800 00	453 50	100 00	54 80	10 00	5 05	.....	James L. Wright.
Tensas Chapel	20	.....	4 00	300 00	150 00	.....	6 00	4 00	2 00	$10 00	A M Wailes.
Tensas Circuit	50	6 00	33 50	400 00	226 50	60 00	40 00	15 50	5 00	50	J. Landrum.
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove	86	10 00	60 00	905 00	759 05	100 00	95 50	35 00	8 00	43 30	H. O. White.
Floyd	276	8 00	31 00	750 00	525 00	80 00	60 90	31 00	10 09	.....	T. H. McClendon.
Total for Delhi District	1979	$86 00	$330 45	$8990 00	$6166 05	$1000 00	$640 80	$275 85	$94 45	$53 80	
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—											FELIX G. HOCUTT, P. E.
Alexandria and Pineville	110	$7 00	$25 00	$500 00	$275 35	$60 00	$33 05	$40 00	$25 00	.....	J. D. Harper.
Rapides Circuit	273	2 00	10 00	450 00	266 55	50 00	28 00	10 50	5 00	.....	Sam. H. Whatley.
Montgomery Circuit	319	2 50	9 00	500 00	135 00	.....	10 00	8 26	.....	.....	Wm. Hart.
					153 00						Assistant Preacher.
Harrisonburg and Trinity	77	7 85	24 40	700 00	55 00	60 00	55 50	4 45	5 50	.....	C. R. Godfrey.
Sicily Island and Bœuf Prairie	230	5 00	9 24	500 00	242 95	60 00	24 50	12 50	2 50	.....	W. R. Whatley.

EXHIBIT OF JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE AND MISSION BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1880.—Continued.

NAME OF WORK.	Membership.	Collected for Bishops.	Collected for Conference Claimants.	Allowance for Preacher in Charge.	Receipts of Preacher in charge.	Allowance for Presiding Elder.	Receipts for Presiding Elder.	Collected for Foreign Missions.	Collected for Domestic Missions.	Collected for Woman's F. Missionary Society.	NAME OF PREACHER.
Jena Circuit	340	.....	3 35	550 00	134 00	50 00	34 00	7 45	45	.....	C. R. Benson.
Columbia	117	7 60	35 00	800 00	501 55	70 06	41 80	35 55	9 90	.....	R. S. Isbell.
Castor Circuit	338	5 65	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	6 00	.....	C. H. Munholland.
Bayon Bœuf and Evergreen	164	5 00	20 00	580 00	500 00	58 00	50 00	20 00	.....	.....	J. L. P. Sheppard.
Spring Creek	320	2 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 70	4 00	.....	Silas H. Cooper.
Simsport	72	8 00	5 00	400 00	370 00	50 00	20 00	17 00	8 00	.....	Patrick Galvin.
Total for Alexandria District	2360	$56 60	$159 70	$4980 00	$2968 30	$458 00	$296 85	$190 70	$66 35	.....	
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT—											J. M. JOHNSTON, P. E.
Opelousas	106	$12 10	$64 10	$600 00	$445 90	$64 00	$64 00	$120 10	$62 35	.....	M. C. Manly.
Washington	165	8 00	32 00	700 00	481 00	75 00	52 00	42 55	31 50	$26 80	John F. Wynn.
Vermilionville	280	7 50	25 00	.....	382 00	60 00	60 00	7 50	26 80	.....	Baxter Clegg.
Plaquemine Brulee	213	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John V. Pointer.
Abbeville	97	1 50	2 50	350 00	230 00	40 00	20 00	2 50	1 50	.....	E. B. Foust.
New Iberia	215	9 00	52 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 05	.....	.....	A. E. Clay.
French Mission	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. W Picot.
Franklin	167	5 00	20 00	1200 00	600 00	100 00	67 00	.....	60 50	.....	B. F. White.
Morgan City	80	16 00	67 00	700 00	700 00	100 00	100 00	43 00	20 00	.....	Sam. S. Keener.
Lake Charles	90	10 10	45 00	500 00	331 50	8 00	10 00	19 60	36 70	.....	J. F. Scurlock.
Sugar Town	318	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	John W. Hearn.
Calcasieu Mission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J. Henning.
Total Opelousas District	1803	$69 10	$207 60	$4000 00	$3170 40	$447 00	$373 00	$299 25	$254 40	$26 80	
HOMER DISTRICT—											J. H. STONE, P. E.
Homer	331	$10 00	$45 00	$900 00	$642 75	$100 00	$100 20	$30 00	$15 00	.....	J. A. Parker.
Tulip	320	7 40	20 00	425 00	356 30	50 00	60 80	15 00	15 00	.....	T. J. Upton.
Haynesville	379	10 00	50 00	800 00	721 30	125 00	131 35	45 00	30 00	.....	J. A. Miller.
Minden	292	10 00	35 75	675 00	665 00	90 00	.....	15 50	25 00	.....	Jas. E. Bradley.
Sparta	275	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	R. M. Crowson.
Arcadia	300	10 00	46 00	400 00	320 00	50 00	.....	75 00	25 00	.....	Jas. J. Billingsley.
Vernon	456	15 00	40 00	800 00	555 00	100 00	71 00	50 00	24 00	.....	J. M. Brown.
Indian Village	332	2 00	12 30	350 00	348 50	40 00	28 35	10 00	3 25	.....	R. T. Parish.
Rochester	101	1 05	6 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 95	.....	.....	.....
Downsville	500	5 00	5 00	600 00	400 00	80 00	70 00	30 00	10 00	.....	R. Parvin.
Farmerville	423	8 00	15 00	700 00	413 25	100 00	46 50	13 00	6 65	.....	J. F. Patterson.
Webster	189	2 00	2 50	.....	155 00	40 00	32 35	.....	2 50	.....	R. S. Colier.
Total for Homer District	3918	$80 45	$278 10	$5650 00	$4578 10	$739 00	$540 55	$286 45	$152 80		

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—												R. RANDLE, P. E.
Shreveport	179	$25 00	$117 50	$1800 00	$1800 00	.....	$257 00	$156 75	$25 00	$100 00		Joel T. Daves.
Moringsport	78	5 00	20 00	500 00	298 50	$70 00	41 41	10 00	2 00	.....		T. S. Randel.
Caddo	255	21 25	60 60	658 75	605 90	91 25	86 35	46 60	18 45	.....		Geo. M. Liverman.
Logansport Mission	131	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 50	.....		John Pipes.
Mansfield	152	14 00	38 00	750 00	750 00	107 00	107 00	45 00	20 00	.....		J. L. Borden.
Natchitoches	100	8 00	55 00	500 00	500 00	60 00	60 00	23 00	5 00	.....		Thomas J. Hough.
Natchitoches Circuit	390	3 00	8 00	350 00	213 07	57 00	30 45	7 00	10 00	.....		R. M. Blocker.
Pleasant Hill	525	10 00	21 00	550 00	313 17	78 00	44 74	170 60	9 00	.....		W. D. Stayton.
Anacoco	290	5 00	5 00	350 00	96 80	50 00	17 50	1 00	2 00	.....		Supplied.
Springville	248	4 75	7 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 15	3 45	.....		A. T. Galloway.
Coushatta	121	7 00	15 25	600 00	309 57	75 00	50 43	9 00	3 75	.....		J. B. Cassity.
South Bossier	188	6 10	15 00	500 00	374 00	70 00	31 15	10 00	5 40	.....		J. W. Medlock.
North Bossier	162	5 00	16 30	500 00	308 86	71 00	41 45	3 45	2 00	.....		R. A. Davis.
Many Circuit	154	1 05	2 00	200 00	81 20	20 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	.....		J. A. Monroe.
Cotile Circuit	87	50	50	150 00	25 00	21 00	4 45	1 00	2 00	.....		Supplieed.
Total for Shreveport District	2861	$115 65	$382 10	$7408 75	$5676 50	$770 25	$776 94	$498 95	$122 55	$100 00		

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

New Orleans District	.....	$303 90	$804 60	$10,300 00	$9795 43	$765 00	$715 35	$792 00	$306 55	$921 50	.....
Delhi District	.....	86 00	330 45	8999 00	6166 05	1000 00	640 80	275 00	94 45	53 80	.....
Alexandria District	.....	52 60	159 70	4980 00	2968 30	458 00	296 85	190 70	66 35	.....	.....
Opelousas District	.....	69 10	207 60	4000 00	3170 40	447 00	373 00	299 25	254 40	26 80	.....
Homer District	.....	80 45	278 10	5650 00	4578 10	739 00	540 55	286 45	152 80	.....	.....
Shreveport District	.....	115 65	382 10	7408 75	5676 50	770 25	776 94	498 95	122 55	100 00	.....
Total for 1880	14,801	$717 70	$2162 55	$41,337 75	$32,354 78	$4179 25	$3343 49	$2343 30	$997 10	$1102 10	.....
Total for 1879	14,519	692 80	2338 75	39,941 25	33,645 60	4603 50	3472 80	1803 65	1094 15	789 45	.....
Increase	282	$24 90		$1393 60				$539 65		$322 65	.....
Decrease			$176 20		$1290 82	$424 25	$121 31		$9 05		.....

GENERAL STATISTICAL EXHIBIT.

WORK.	Members.			Baptism		Church Property and Miscellaneous Collections.												Preachers in Charge.
	White.	Local Preachers.	Colored Members.	Adults.	Infants.	No. of Churches.	Value.	Value of Parsonages.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property	Total value of Church Property.	Church Building and Repairs.	For Parsonage.	For the Poor.	For the Bible Cause	For House Rent.	For other Objects.	Names of Preachers.
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT																		
Carondelet street	536	4	2	..	30	1	$ 40,000		..	15.000	$ 55 000	$ 1 70		235 00			$ 1.518 00	J. B. Walker.
Felicity street	341	1	3	..	6	1	25,000		..	.....	25 000	2 00		230 40	56 20		349 85	John Hannon.
St. Charles street	224	4	..	4	19	1	30,000		..	35.000	33.500	64 50		30 00	68 00		600 00	John Mathews.
Moreau street	105	..	..	2	9	1	20,000		..	.....	20.000	288 00		.....	2 50		240 00	J. M. Beard.
Louisiana avenue	148	..	..	..	7	1	6,000		..	500	6 500	28 00		21 05			206 80	C. Keener.
Algiers	80	..	..	..	9	1	5,000		..	.....	5.000	.....		17 00			131 85	L. A. Reid.
La Fourche Mission	63	..	..	..	....	4	6,000		..	.....	6.000	100 00		118 60	16 00		292 25	T. H. Jones.
Baton Rouge	324	..	..	7	23	1	25 000		..	300	25.300	301 83		.....			.....	J. T. Sawyer.
Plaq. and Grosse Tete	59	..	1	1	16	3	6,500		..	.....	1.500	475 00		.....			.....	T. K. Faunt LeRoy.
Total	1880	9	6	14	112	14	$158,500		..	19 300	$177 300	$ 1.647 35		$752 05	$ 146 20		$ 3.838 75	
DELHI DISTRICT																		B. F. Alexander.
Trenton, Monroe and Delhi	240	..	1	1	8	2	$3000	500	1	$1000	$4500	$ 1.058 50						C. W. Carter.
Colony & Faulks Chp'l.	98	1	1	..	1	1	500				500	7 00					7 00	C. W. Hodge.
Bastrop	166	..	..	24	6	2	2800	1200	1	.....	4000	8 00	35 00	1 00			79 00	J. M. McKee.
Lind Grove	303	1	..	..	3	4	450	800	1	.....	2950	800 00	42 00					A. A. Cornett.
Oak Ridge	140	..	2	2	17	1	1500	600	1	100	2200	550 00	100 00				250 00	R. S. Trippett.
Rayville	239	1	1	7	4	..	.....	700	1	50	750							N. S. Cornell.
Winnsboro	283	1	..	3	14	3	5200				5200						40 00	Phil Allen
Waterproof Vidalia & St. Joseph	78	1	..	..	5	2	3500	1200	1	.....	4700	950 20	112 50				15 00	Jas. L. Wright.
Tensas Circuit	50	..	..	..	1	2	1500				2500							J. Landrum.
Tensas Chapel	20	..	..	..	3	1	1500				1500							A. M. Wailes.
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove	86	2	..	3	3	2	2000	.....	..	350	2350	75 00	88 75	10 00	3 00	60 00	.....	H. O. White
Floyd	276	1	..	2	2	3	2000	750	1	300	3050	200 00		24 00				T. H. McClendon.
Totals	1979	8	5	42	67	23	$25 650	$5750	7	$1800	$33 200	$ 3.643 70	$378 25	$35 00	$3 00	$60 00	$391 00	

HOMER DISTRICT																	J. H. Stone.
Homer	331	1	..	7	22	2	$4500		..	10.400	14.900						J. A. Parker.
Tulip	320	2	..	25	5	3½	2000		..	100	2100						T. J. Upton.
Haynesville	399	3	..	18	2	4	2950		..		2950						J. A. Miller.
Minden	292	1	..	....	2	4	3750		..	180	3930	100 00					James E. Bradley.
Sparta	275	3	..	....	....	....	....		..	....	....	....					R. M. Crowson.
Arcadia	300	..	..	27	6	5	2300		..	....	300	300 00					Jas. J. Billingsley.
Vernon	456	2	..	4	12	3	2000	500	1	250	2750					35 00	J. M. Brown.
Indian Village	332	4	..	8	11	6	900		..	250	1150						R. T. Parish.
Rochester	101	..	..	10	11	....	....		..	150	150						Supply.
Downville	500	1	..	22	13	4	1200	1200	4	300	1500						R. Parvin.
Farmersville	423	4	..	21	2	4	1350	1350	4	650	1900	130 00					J. F. Paterson.
Webster	189	4	..	10	13	2	500	500	2	....	500	125 00					Supply.
Total	3918	24	..	152	99	27½	$18.400	$3550	11	$12.280	$34.130	$655 00				$35 00	
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT																	Robt. Randell, P. E.
Shreveport	179	..	..	8	17	1	$3000		..	....	3000	10			$50 00	$317 00	Joel T. Daves.
Moringsport	78	..	1	5	1	2	2000	350	1	....	2350			300			T. S. Randle.
Caddo	255	..	2	5	3	4	4500	150	1	125	4775	19				$6 25 80 00	Geo. M. Liverman.
Longansport Mission	131	..	..	4	4	5	2000		..	....	2000	240					John Pipes.
Mansfield	152	..	..	....	4	1	3000	1250	1	20 000	2425	200		250		56 00	J. L. Borden.
Pleasant Hill	525	..	..	12	14	4	3000	150	1	4.000	7150	1935				8 30	W. D. Stayton.
Natchitoches	100	..	..	8	16	2	6000		..	400	6400	1000		100	25 00	1 50 176 00	Thos. J. Hough.
Natchitoches Circuit	390	..	4	19	16	2	4000		..	....	400			100	25 00		R. M. Blocker.
Anacoco	290	..	4	5	14	1	4000		..	....	400	150					Supply.
Springville	248	..	5	16	13	3	1500	600	1	50	1550					300 00	A. T. Galloway.
Coushatta	121	..	..	34	14	3	3400		..	....	4000	1084				10 00	J. B Cassity.
South Bossier	188	..	..	7	6	2	7000		..	700	700	400			6 00	10 00	J. W. Medlock.
North Boesier	163	..	..	7	8	4	2250	150	1	600	2350				27 96		R. A. Davis.
Many	154	..	1	8	2	3	500		..	....	500	35					Supply.
Cotile	87	..	..	8	18	5	300		..	....	300						Supply.
Loan Oak	....	..	..	....	....	....	....		..	....	....						Supply.
Total	2861	..	17	134	140	42	$32.950	$2650	6	$25.375	$60.125	$216730		$750	$133 96	$7 75 $782 30	
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT																	F. G Hocutt.
Alexandria & Pineville	110	..	..	6	14	3	$4000	2300	2	....	6300			65			J. D. Harper.
Rapides	273	2	1	4	10	10	2500	500	1	500	3500	200		8			Sam Hugh Whatley.
Montgomery	319	6	2	9	....	4	900		..	20	920	170				5 00 79 50	William Hart.
Harrisonburg & Trinity	77	2	1	6	4	1	1000		..	60	1060				55 65	67 50	C. R. Godfrey.
Sicily Island	230	..	..	3	14	3	3000		..	....	300	150				1 50	Wm. R. Whatley.
Jena	340	..	2	20	21	2	500		..	....	500						C. R. Bena.
Columbia	117	..	..	5	12	2	3500		..	....	3500	110		42		30 00	R. S. Isbell.
Castor	338	2	2	7	23	....	....	350	1	....	350	110			40 00		C. T. Munholland.
Evergreen and Bayou Bœuf	114	..	..	8	18	3	4000		..	....	4000	400					J. L. P. Sheppard.
Simsport	72	..	1	1	16	2	3000		..	....	3000	150			7 00		Patrick Galvin.
Spring Creek	320	..	3	....		4	1200		..	....	1200						S. H. Cooper.
Total	2360	12	12	69	122	34	$23.600	$3150	4	$580	$27.330	$1180		$115	$63 05	$5 00 $177 00	

GENERAL STATISTICAL EXHIBIT.—Continued.

WORK.	Members.			Baptism		Church Property and Miscellaneous Collections.												Preachers in Charge.
	White.	Local Preachers.	Colored Members.	Adults.	Infants.	No. of Churches.	Value.	Value of Parsonages.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Other Church Property.	Total value of Church Property.	Church Building and Repairs.	For Parsonage.	For the Poor.	For the Bible Cause	For House Rent.	For other Objects.	Names of Preachers.
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT...																		J. M. Jonston, P. E.
Opelousas	106	..	..	....	10	1	$3000	1500	1	.....	4000	.....	110	34 90	.....	.....	50 00	M. C. Manly.
Washington	165	..	..	6	18	2	3000	.....	..	.....	3000	700 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	16 00	Jno. F. Wynn.
Vermillionville	280	..	4	1	51	2	1750	750	1	360	2800	52 00	.....	25 00	10 00	.....	10 00	Baxter Clegg.
Plaquemine Brulee	213	..	..	....	....	..	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Jno. V. Pointer.
Abbeville	97	..	..	....	6	1	300	.....	..	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Enos B. Foust.
New Iberia	215	..	..	8	29	1	6000	2000	1	.....	8000	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00	A. E. Clay.
French Misoion	72	..	1	15	6	..	.....	700	1	.....	700	350 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	J W. Picot.
Franklin	167	..	..	3	16	3	4500	2500	1	.....	7000	600 00	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	B. F. White.
Morgan City	80	..	1	....	4	2	6000	1000	1	.....	7000	145 00	55	.....	.....	.....	142 00	S. S. Keener.
Lake Charles	90	..	2	....	8	1	1800	.....	..	.....	1800	158 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	90 00	J. F. Scurlock.
Sugar Town	318	..	..	12	7	....	.....	.....	..	250	1250	52 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	J. W. Heam.
Total	1803	..	8	45	155	13	$26.350	$8450	6	550	$35.350	$3370 25	$197	$79 90	$10 00	.....	$403 00	

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District..	1880	6	9	14	112	14	$158.500	.....	..	19.300	$177.300	$1.647 33	.....	$752 05	$146 20	.....	$3.838 75
Delhi District	1979	5	8	45	67	23	25.650	$5.750	7	1.800	33.200	3.643 70	$378 25	35 00	3 00	$60 00	391 00
Homer District	3918	..	24	152	99	27½	18.400	3.550	11	12.280	34.130	655 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00
Shreveport District	2861	..	17	134	140	42	32.950	2.650	6	25.375	60.125	2.167 30	750 00	133 96	7 75	176 00	782 30
Alexandria District	2360	12	12	69	122	34	23.600	3.150	4	580	27.330	1.180 00	145 00	79 90	5 00	.....	177 00
Opelousas District	1808	..	11	45	155	13	26.350	8.450	6	550	35.350	3.370 25	197 00	63 05	10 00	.....	403 00
Totals	14801	23	81	459	695	153½	$285.450	$23.550	34	59.885	$367.435	$12.663 58	$1.440 25	$1063 96	$171 95	$236 00	$5.627 05
Last Year	14391	51	77	873	333	150	277.650	18.635	22	41.660	337.945	15.428 30	2.245 00	1063 00	298 00	536 00	4.686 95
Increase	410	..	7	.....	.....	3½	$7.800	$4.915	12	18.225	$29.490	.....	.....	96	.....	.....	$940 15
Decrease	.....	28	..	414	138	....	.....	.....	..	.....	.....	2.757 72	804 75	.....	$126 05	$300 00	.....

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NAME OF WORK.	No. of S. S.	No. Teach'rs.	No. Scholars.	Number of Volumes in Library.	Number of Periodicals.	Collected for Sunday-Schools.	Collected for Missions.	Scholars rec'd into Church.
NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT—								
Carondelet Street	2	31	187	1040	305	$146 00	$105 00	4
Felicity Street	2	29	320	1580	250	401 45	295 75	2
St. Charles Avenue	2	26	252	447	215	73 72	202 40	7
Moreau Street	1	17	150	1200	150	25 70	98 25	9
Louisiana Avenue	1	14	262	400	145	177 85	30 85	1
Algiers	1	....	....	247	100	90 15	22 40	....
Baton Rouge	2	22	225	600	255	235 66	16 00	14
....	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	12	139	1396	5514	1420	$1150 53	$770 60	37
DELHI DISTRICT—								
Trenton, Monroe and Delhi	3	22	120	620	160	$45 85	$10 10	1
Colony and Faulk's Chapel	2	11	78	10	141	23 50	....	....
Bastrop	2	20	130	150	130	29 50	....	....
Lind Grove	3	9	55	200	40	35 00	....	....
Oak Ridge	2	16	85	100	100	55 00	....	4
Rayville	2	15	119	50	100	50 00	....	8
Winnsboro	2	10	55	....	20	10 65	....	....
Waterproof, Vidalia and St. Joseph	1	9	48	280	80	....	....	....
Tensas Chapel	1	4	12	....	10	1 00	....	....
Lake Providence and Pecan Grove	2	14	73	200	110	47 80	....	2
Floyd	3	16	100	300	75	22 00	....	2
Total	23	146	874	1910	966	$320 30	$10 10	17
HOMER DISTRICT—								
Homer	3	22	215	335	238	$33 80	....	14
Tulip	1	8	40	50	20	....	....	5
Haynesville	3	15	100	200	....	10 00	....	....
Minden	3	15	150	151	100	....	....	....
Sparta	2	....	40	....	....	....	....	....
Arcardia	4	16	150	200	25	25 00	....	....
Vernon	4	25	110	275	60	40 00	....	3
Indian Village	1	6	35	....	....	....	....	....
Downsville	6	12	....	....	....	6 00	....	....
Farmerville	3	18	72	100	20	16 85	....	....
Webster	2	7	45	250	12	3 58	....	7
Total	32	144	957	1561	475	$144 65		29
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT—								
Shreveport	1	18	150	500	150	$125 00	$33 00	....
Mooringsport	1	6	30	....	20	7 00	....	1
Caddo	4	24	145	150	115	44 55	....	4
Mansfield	1	19	116	300	172	45 00	....	....
Pleasant Hill	4	25	200	200	200	36 00	....	....
Natchitoches	2	10	50	100	60	75 00	13 00	2
Natchitoches Circuit	4	15	150	....	57	10 00	....	15
Anacoco	3	12	75	....	....	....	....	....
Coushatta	2	16	69	50	45	16 00	....	15
South Bossier	2	10	60	100	....	15 00	....	....
North Bossier	1	10	30	....	36	8 00	....	....
Total	25	165	1075	1400	855	$381 55	$46 00	37
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT—								
Alexandria and Pineville	2	8	50	....	64	$17 50	....	2
Rapides Circuit	6	20	116	....	....	14 00	50	1
Montgomery Circuit	4	22	106	....	75	29 80	....	4
Simsport	2	7	60	....	12	12 00	....	....
Harrisonburg Circuit	2	12	....	200	....	18 60	$4 45	....
Sicily Island	3	12	85	100	30	26 00	....	....
Genan Circuit	3	10	147	150	35	5 55	....	....
Columbia	2	7	55	150	35	17 00	....	10
Spring Creek	3	....	100	....	....	7 00	....	5
Evergreen	3	25	100	....	36	38 00	....	4
Total	30	123	819	600	287	$175 45	$4 95	26

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OPELOUSAS DISTRICT—								
Opelousas	1	9	59	160	51	$17 85	$22 10	....
Washington	3	20	80	500	50	35 00	16 50	....
Vermilionville	2	22	178	200	80	35 00	17 50	15
Abbeville	2	8	56	150	75	7 00	.....	4
New Iberia	1	16	148	75	109	119 00	.....	19
French Mission	3	6	69	.....	.....	16 00	.....	....
Franklin	3	17	162	175	220	45 00	.....	7
Morgan City and Pattersonville	3	15	75	.....	60	23 00	.....	....
Lake Charles	1	14	80	300	80	37 40	12 80	....
Sugar Town	5	15	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	....
Total	23	141	1076	1560	725	$351 25	$68 90	45

RECAPITULATION.

New Orleans District	12	139	1395	5514	1420	$1150 53	$770 30	37
Delhi District	23	146	874	1910	966	320 30	10 10	17
Homer District	32	144	957	1561	475	144 65	.....	29
Shreveport District	25	165	1075	1400	855	381 55	46 00	37
Alexandria District	30	123	819	600	287	175 45	4 95	26
Opelousas District	26	147	1076	1560	725	351 25	68 90	45
Total	148	864	6197	12,545	4728	$2523 73	$900 55	191
Last Year	131	833	5962	12,437	3891	$1688 60	$486 00	336
Increase	17	31	239	108	837	$835 13	$434 55	....
Decrease	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	145

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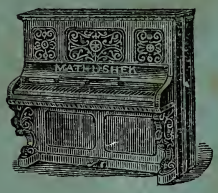

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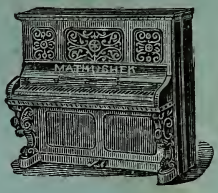

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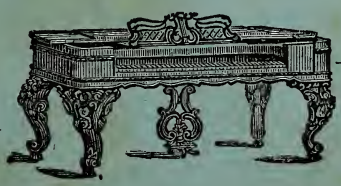

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